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Title: "NON-MARRING SPINAL ROD CURVING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR USING
 SAME"

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This is a Continuation-in-Part application of pending prior application No. 10/138,693 filed May 2, 2002. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☒ Specification (Total Pages of Text, including Abstract and Claims: 47)
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets: 13) ☒ FORMAL ☐ INFORMAL
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☒ Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$484.00 is enclosed.

FEE CALCULATION:

	(COL. 1) NO. FILED				SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
					RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE:						\$385.00	OR		\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	31	-	20	11	X \$9 =	\$99.00	OR	X \$18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS:	3	-	3	0	X \$43 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$86 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+ \$145 =	\$0.00	OR	+\$290 =	
*IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "O" IN COL. 2.					TOTAL:	\$484.00			

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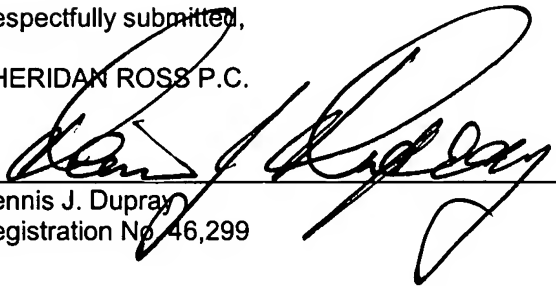
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